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Applicant: Akira Tani
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For: **EASILY CONNECTED AND SEPARATED COLUMNAR
COUPLER STRUCTURE**
Art Unit: 3679
Customer No.: 29540

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Final Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 27, 2006 along with a Request for Continued Examination. A response to the Office Action is due April 27, 2006. This response is being timely filed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 26, 2006.

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April 26, 2006

Date of Signature

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